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### **McKay Commends Reapportionment Advisory Citizens Committee**

Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee), chair of the Fairfax County Board's Legislative Committee, commended the Reapportionment Advisory Citizens Committee for its work on reapportioning the County's nine Supervisor districts. He said that, "While meeting the spirit and requirements of reapportionment of 'one man, one vote,' the Committee's plans propose minimal disruptive change. In fact, the plan we adopt may have fewer changes for the entire county than the state plans proposed for many of the Delegate and Senate districts."

Twenty five reapportionment plans have been submitted—22 developed by the Advisory Citizens Committee and three by members of the public. The

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Advisory Citizen Committee was established by the Board of Supervisors to develop recommendations for reapportioning the Supervisor districts. State and federal law require reapportionment every ten years using official decennial Census data. The 21-member Committee included representatives from each Supervisor district, the Democratic and Republican parties, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Citizens Associations, the League of Women Voters, the African-American community, the Hispanic community, and the Asian/Pacific Islander community, as well as the community at large.

Kate Hanley, chairman of the Committee, former Secretary of the Commonwealth, and former Board of Supervisors Chairman said, “This was a very challenging task for the Committee as the time available for reapportionment was very limited. We had to complete our work quickly to leave time for the Board to consider the proposals, adopt a reapportionment plan, and complete the legal steps required before state and local primary elections.” Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova commended the Committee for its work and said, “The result of this open and transparent process is a plan that will cause minimal disruption to the voters – never an easy task. I commend the Committee for its work and thank Kate Hanley for her leadership.”

A public hearing on the proposed plans to reapportion the County’s nine supervisor districts will take place on April 12 at 4 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center. The Board will act on the plans at its April 26 meeting.

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